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MARIONVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Marionville, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Frankie L. Doyle, Jr., 35, of Marionville, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to one year in federal prison without parole.

On Jan. 28, 2004, **Doyle** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Doyle** admitted that he was in possession of a Savage .22/.410 rifle/shotgun combination on Nov. 20, 2002, in Barton County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Doyle** has a 2000 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

Doyle was originally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 16, 2003, in Springfield.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex C. Lewis. It was investigated by the Lamar, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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